

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: July 27, 2004

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Jackie Nytes, Chairman
Vernon Brown
Becky Langsford
Lynn McWhirter
Lincoln Plowman
Steve Talley

Absent Members

Joanne Sanders

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 375, 2004 – approves the Mayor’s appointment of Darla Williams as hearing officer to preside over administrative adjudication of environmental violations
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 376, 2004 – determines the need to lease approximately 59,530 square feet of office space at 1737 Massachusetts Avenue for a Work Release Center
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 377, 2004 – approves an increase of \$903,821 in the 2004 Budget of the Office of the City Controller (Transportation General Fund) to fund the debt service payments for 2004 related to the Series 2003 E Transportation Bonds issued in November 2003
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 378, 2004 – approves an increase of \$105,967 in the 2004 Budget of the Cable Communications Agency (Consolidated County Fund) to purchase new equipment and supplies for WCTY/Channel 16, financed by a cable franchise Public Educational or Government Access Facilities (PEG) grant
“Do Pass”

Vote: 6-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, July 27, 2004. Chairwoman Jackie Nytes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Becky Langsford, Lynn McWhirter, Lincoln Plowman, and Steve Talley. Absent was Joanne Sanders. Also present was Councillor Scott Keller.

PROPOSAL NO. 375, 2004 – approves the Mayor's appointment of Darla Williams as hearing officer to preside over administrative adjudication of environmental violations

Garland Graves, Mayor's office, introduced Darla Williams and said he is happy she is willing to serve. Darla Williams, an attorney, said she has been a licensed attorney since 2001. She was born and raised in Indianapolis and attended Arlington High School, went on to attend Purdue University as an undergrad and attended University of Tulsa-College of Law. Chairwoman Nytes asked if there is a particular area in which she specializes. Ms. Williams said she is general practice. Chairwoman Nytes asked who is currently holding the appointment. Mr. Graves said Candice Jordan is currently holding the appointment and has decided not to continue.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 375, 2004 to the full council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 376, 2004 – determines the need to lease approximately 59,530 square feet of office space at 1737 Massachusetts Avenue for a Work Release Center

Joe Bowman, attorney with Corporation Counsel, said this proposal is a special resolution for the need of office space to be used by the Marion County Community Corrections for a work release center. He said a need has to be found by the fiscal body, being the City County Council, in order for them to move forward with the lease. He said, if permitted, the lease will be at 1737 Massachusetts Avenue.

Councillor Talley asked if the entire operation will be moving to the new location. Brian Barton, Executive Director, Marion County Community Corrections, responded in the negative and distributed Exhibit A (see file). He said the requested location will be in addition to their main building on 147 E. Maryland Street. Councillor Talley asked if they had any estimates on the cost. Mr. Barton said the total work release budget is over \$2.6 million and the total revenue for the Work Release Center is over \$2.8 million. Councillor Talley asked is this within their own budget. Mr. Barton said this will be with some current Work Release contracts and State programs. Mr. Barton said they are not seeking additional County dollars. They have enough money in their budget. Councillor Talley asked if there is space available at the new Arrestee Processing Center (APC). Mr. Barton said there was some discussion made about the center, but the

neighborhood was told that APC would be a lock-down facility and at the Work Release Center, offenders come and go.

Councillor Brown asked how they reached a decision on this location. Mr. Barton said the presiding judge came to their board and suggested extending work release. He said the location was suggested. They only request they made was for a building near downtown, bus line accessible, and cost efficient. Councillor Brown asked if the Controller's or Auditor's office had been involved. Mr. Barton said the Controller's office has not been involved. The Auditor's office has been involved in the sense of working to ensure the funding will be in the 2005 budget. Councillor Brown asked if everyone is in agreement that the 10 year lease is the best way to utilize the money. Mr. Barton said it will cost taxpayers \$16.00 a day at the center, compared to \$40.00 a day in a jail or \$53.00 a day in a prison. He said they also did not want to build a center from the ground up. Councillor Brown asked if the community is ok with the center. Mr. Barton said they have two Council sponsors Mary Moriarty Adams and Scott Keller and they are going to continue working with the community.

Councillor Nytes asked for clarification on what the role of Administration and Finance committee is on purchasing the lease. Mr. Bowman said the fiscal body determines the need and then the committee will recommend an approval to the full Council for the center. Councillor Nytes asked if there is an opportunity for this discussion to come before the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee. Mr. Barton said the special resolution was discussed on his board. It was also discussed and approved at the Criminal Justice Planning Council. He said it will go to the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee for fiscal reasons.

Councillor Keller said this is a really good location for the center. The location is near two bus lines and close to the downtown area. He said the building, on the outside, will not look like it is a Work Release Center, and it will fit well in the community. He said he hopes to have the same positive experience that the community in the near north-side has with the Riverside facility.

Councillor Talley asked for a list of the principles from the owners. Mr. Barton agreed to give the committee members the list. He said eventually ownership will change to the developer, who will lease it to them.

Councillor Nytes asked if Marion County currently owns a Work Release Center. Mr. Barton responded in the affirmative. Councillor Nytes asked if the offenders pay some part of their keep at the center. Mr. Barton responded in the affirmative and said they pay 50% from their weekly net that will go to their supervision and treatment at the center. Councillor Nytes noted that, compared to the jail, the Work Release Center is a little more cost effective.

Daniel Jones, Auditor's office, said they have been convinced that Community Corrections is a more cost effective way to address inmate problems. He said the facility is also a good investment and he endorses this project.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 376, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 377, 2004 – approves an increase of \$903,821 in the 2004 Budget of the Office of the City Controller (Transportation General Fund) to fund the debt service payments for 2004 related to the Series 2003 E Transportation Bonds issued in November 2003

Barbara Lawrence, City Controller, introduced Amy McFadden, Deputy Controller, to the committee. She said the increase is to make debt service payments for the 2003 E Series Indy Roads bonds. She said the 2003 E bonds issued were authorized in late October 2004 by the Council after the budget was passed unanimously. She said the bonds were for road improvements. It was always part of the bond issue, and they just need to appropriate the money for 2004.

Councillor Nytes clarified that the Council agreed to borrow the money, knowing they would have to pay it back. Councillor Nytes asked if they will see reference to debt service payments for the future year in their budget. Ms. Lawrence said this appropriation is for 2004 only. The annual debt service payments are budgeted as part of the annual budget, which the Council will be considering.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 377, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

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Ken Montgomery, Station Manager, said the PEG grant is a component of the franchise agreement that is held between the City, Comcast Cable Vision and Brighthouse Cable in Marion County. He said, in part of the contract, the operators are required to pay a certain amount into the PEG grant fund to purchase new equipment. He said Rick Maultra, Director of Cable Communication Agency, asked him to explain to the committee what the PEG fund is. He said the PEG fund is a dedicated fund, to be designated per the Cable Franchise agreement. It is unlike the Cable Franchise fees that go into the County General Fund and allocated for expenditures at the direction of the City County Council. He said therefore the funds can only be used for the designated funding. He said the Channel 16 operating

budget comes out of franchise fees and is not property tax supported. He said the increase will be use to purchase three new character generator systems for Channel 16 and their Government 2 operations, they also need to purchase some other supplies.

Jim Smashy, citizen, said the cable franchise funds are expiring, and soon we will all have digital cable. He said this will not help to increase the cable franchise funds. He asked what will be the replacement fund for the PEG grant fund.

Councillor Nytes said the City has a Cable Television Advisory committee, and the Mayor and Councillors look to them for guidance on these issues. She said that all their cable contracts are up for renegotiation in the near future and the PEG grant will be on the table.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 378, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Nytes, Chairwoman
Administration and Finance Committee

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